

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2 and 9-13 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-8 are pending and under consideration.

Since claim 2/1 was indicated as allowable, all of the pending claims are now allowable

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

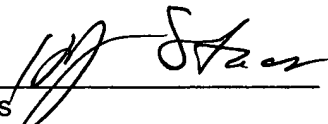
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Date: Oct. 20, 2004

By: 
H. J. Staas
Registration No. 22,010

1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202) 434-1500
Facsimile: (202) 434-1501